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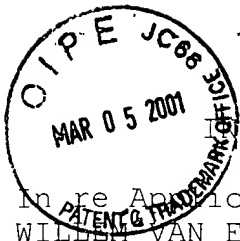
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Title: HIGH-PRESSURE GAS DISCHARGE LAMP
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
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Sir:

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION mailed on February 12, 2001, enclosed is a Declaration, properly signed by the Applicant and referring to the above case by its Serial Number and filing date, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, and a copy of the Notice. Accordingly, the above-identified patent application is now complete.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 14-1270 in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge for filing the Declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office a Search Report issued abroad in reference to a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report dated February 2, 2001 is attached.

The enclosed document is being called to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office solely to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and is not intended to be construed as an admission by the Applicants that any of the documents listed is material.

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See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.

PCT/EP 00/10221

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16/10/2000

Applicant

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PHN 17.734W0	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 00/ 10221	International filing date (day/month/year) 16/10/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 11/11/1999
Applicant KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS ELECTRONICS N.V.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

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- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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 - ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
 - ☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H01J61/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 H01J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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